

Table 4.
OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, October 2003–October 2004

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
2003				
October	6,803	4,722	188	1,893
November	6,808	4,717	189	1,902
December	6,810	4,709	190	1,910
2004				
January	6,767	4,677	173	1,917
February	6,773	4,671	175	1,927
March	6,785	4,669	178	1,938
April	6,795	4,668	180	1,947
May	6,803	4,668	182	1,954
June	6,766	4,668	183	1,915
July	6,720	4,667	185	1,868
August	6,717	4,663	181	1,873
September	6,724	4,663	183	1,878
October	6,729	4,658	182	1,888
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
2003				
October	5,270	4,033	122	1,115
November	5,277	4,032	123	1,122
December	5,391	4,113	126	1,152
2004				
January	5,360	4,087	113	1,160
February	5,368	4,086	115	1,167
March	5,380	4,088	117	1,175
April	5,390	4,090	118	1,182
May	5,399	4,093	120	1,187
June	5,379	4,096	121	1,162
July	5,352	4,098	123	1,131
August	5,354	4,097	121	1,135
September	5,362	4,100	122	1,139
October	5,367	4,098	122	1,146

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OASDI Benefits in Current-Payment Status

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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
2003				
October	774.60	854.10	647.30	589.00
November	775.20	854.80	649.30	590.20
December	791.70	873.30	663.70	603.10
2004				
January	792.10	874.00	652.20	605.00
February	792.60	874.80	654.10	605.70
March	792.90	875.60	655.60	606.20
April	793.20	876.20	657.00	606.80
May	793.50	876.80	658.30	607.20
June	795.00	877.50	662.10	606.70
July	796.50	878.10	666.00	605.60
August	797.00	878.70	667.90	606.20
September	797.40	879.30	669.50	606.50
October	797.50	879.80	669.80	607.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s aged 60 or older, disabled widow(er)s aged 50 or older, and dependent parents of deceased workers aged 62 or older.

b. A widow(er) or surviving divorced parent caring for the entitled child of a deceased worker who is under age 16 or is disabled.

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